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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

Hughes, et al.

Application No.: 09/225,9

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For: METHOD FOR IMPLEMENTING

AUTOMATIC PROTECTION SWITCHING (APS) USING CELL

REPLICATION

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 (a)

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request a one month extension of time in which to respond to a Notice to File Missing Parts of Application mailed March 8, 1999, for which a two month response period expiring on May 8, 1999 was set. The extended period expires on June 8, 1999.

A check for \$110.00 is enclosed to cover the fee for a one month extension of time. If any additional fee is required, please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666. A duplicate of this Petition is enclosed for deposit account charging purposes.

06/11/1999 NMARHOL 00000115 09250968 02 FC:115 110.00 0P A Response to Notice of Missing Parts with respect to this application also accompany this Petition.

Respectfully submitted,

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